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SUBJECT: ANGOLA: TANZANIAN GOVERNMENT APPEALS TO U.S.

1. DCM DECEMBER 18 QUERIED FONOFF AFRICAN AFFAIRS BUREAU DIRECTOR MWASAKAFYUKA ABOUT TANGOV'S VIEW OF ANGOLA AND OTHER AFRICAN QUESTIONS IN AFTERMATH OF KAUNDA, MACHEL MEETING HERE WITH PRESIDENT NYERERE. MWASAKAFYUKA RESPONDED THAT "IN VIEW OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES" EUROPEAN AND NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS DIRECTOR MUGANDA HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO REVIEW SUBJECT WITH US. LATER 18 DECEMBER DCM AND EMBOFF CALLED ON MUGANDA. ALSO PRESENT WAS US DESK OFFICER KIVUMBI. HIGHLIGHTS OF CONVERSATION FOLLOW.

2. APPEAL TO U.S. MUGANDA SIAD TANGOV BELIEVED USG HELD KEY TO PEACEFUL SOLUTION OF ANGOLAN PROBLEM. IF US CEASED SUPPORT TO FNLA/UNITA, RESTRAINED MOBUTU FROM FURTHER INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA AND APPLIED PUBLIC PRESSURE ON SOUTH AFRICANS TO WITHDRAW BACK ACROSS THEIR BORDER, TANZANIA, ZAMBIA AND OTHER AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS COULD INDUCE NETO TO SIMULTANEOUSLY REFUSE FURTHER SOVIET ASSISTANCE AND EXPEL CUBAN AND OTHER FOREIGN HELPERS. MUGANDA SAID URGENT MESSAGES HAD BEEN SENT TO AMBASSADOR BOMANI IN WASHINGTON TO COMMUNICATE THIS PROPOSAL IN MORE DETAILED FORM TO SECRETARY KISSINGER BUT BOMANI HAS BEEN AS YET UNABLE TO SEE SECRETARY. PRESIDENT NYERERE HAS ALSO ASKED FRG MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION EGON BAHR IN THE COURSE OF HIS RECENT VISIT TO DAR ES SALAAM TO CONVEY THE TANZANIAN INITIATIVE TO SECRETARY KISSINGER. DR. BAHR AGREED TO DO SO.

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3. SOVIET INFLUENCE ON MPLA. MUGANDA SAID PRESIDENT NYERERE

AND OTHER AFRICAN LEADERS WERE INCREASINGLY CONCERNED THAT ANGOLA SITUATION WAS DETERIORATING. MPLA LEADER NETO IS MARXIST AND INCLINED TOWARD RUSSIANS BECAUSE OF ASSISTANCE THEY HAVE GIVEN HIM. NYERERE'S AND OTHERS PAST JUDGMENT HAD BEEN THAT NETO'S NATIONALISM WOULD BE STRONGER THAN HIS SENSE OF GRATITUDE TOWARD RUSSIANS AFTER HE WON CONTROL OF COUNTRY. HOWEVER, IF FIGHTING CONTINUES AND NETO DEFEATS FNLA/UNITA ONLY BECAUSE OF MASSIVE SOVIET MILITARY ASSISTANCE, HIS FEELING OF CONGRUENCE OF PURPOSE WITH SOVIETS COULD PROVIDE THEM WITH A MUCH STRONGER AND MORE INFLUENTIAL POSITION THAN ANYONE HAD HERETOFORE ANTICIPATED. MUGANDA SAID NYERERE BELIEVES IT IMPORTANT TO END FIGHTING NOW BEFORE NETO BECOMES TOO LOCKED IN SOVIET EMBRACE.

4. ZAIRE AFFECTED. MUGANDA SAID NYERERE AND OTHERS CONCERNED AT STABILITY OF ZAIRE ONCE BODIES OF SOLDIERS KILLED IN ANGOLA ARE RETURNED HOME, WOUNDED ARE SEEN ON STREETS AND MAIMED SERVICEMEN RETURNED TO THEIR VILLAGES. MOBUTU'S DESIRE HAVE BROTHER-IN-LAW ROBERTO AS PRESIDENT OF NEIGHBORING ANGOLA UNDERSTANDABLE IN AFRICAN TERMS. HOWEVER, ZAIREAN ARMY AND PEOPLE LIKELY TO REACT STRONGLY AGAINST MOBUTU WHEN PRICE IN BLOOD BECOMES VISIBLE IN WHAT IS AN ATTEMPT TO EXTEND RATHER THAN DEFEND ZAIREAN INTERESTS.

5. OAU MEETING. MUGANDA SAID TANGOV EXPECTS OAU COUNCIL OF MINISTERS TO MEET DECEMBER 19-20 FOLLOWED BY HEADS OF GOVERNMENT IN EARLY JANUARY. TANGOV FAVORS EARLIEST POSSIBLE MEETINGS IN ORDER TO DEAL WITH WORSENING ANGOLA SITUATION BUT MUST, OF COURSE, ABIDE BY AFRICAN CONSENSUS AS TO SCHEDULING. OAU GATHERING WILL EASILY UNANIMOUSLY CONDEMN SOUTH AFRICAN INVASION. MUGANDA SAID MPLA, UNITA, AND FNLA HAVE ALREADY FORMALLY ACCEPTED OAU SECRETARY GENERAL'S INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN MEETINGS. TANGOV THOUGHT REASONABLE OUTCOME OF OAU GATHERING WOULD BE TO CALL ON MPLA AS RECOGNIZED GOVERNMENT OF ANGOLA TO FORM GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY WITH FNLA AND UNITA. KEY TO SUCCESS OF THIS EFFORT FOR GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNIT WOULD BE PRIOR US INITIATIVE AND PRIOR AGREEMENT BY NETO TO DEPARTURE OF SOVIETS AND CESSATION THEIR ARMS SHIPMENTS.

6. FOREIGN MINISTER KADUMA. MUGANDA VOLUNTEERED THAT TANGOV  
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HANDLING OF ITS ANGOLAN INITIATIVE HAD BEEN ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY HOSPITALIZATION OF FONMIN KADUMA WITH MALARIA AND SINUS PROBLEM FOR OVER ONE WEEK.

7. OTHER AFRICAN SUBJECTS DISCUSSED SENT SEPTTEL.  
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